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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL LAF SOLDIERS

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1. OM RECEIPT REFTEL CALLED BOUTROS IMMEDIATELY TO ASK ABOUT STORY. HE SAID IT WAS NOT TRUE. NO DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN FOR THE TIME BEING ABOUT SENDING ANY MORE TROOPS TO SOUTH. I SAID IMPLICATION WAS THAT DECISION MIGHT BE TAKEN IN FUTURE AND HE SHOULD KNOW THAT OUR AMBASSADOR IN ISRAEL THOUGHT SENDING OF REINFORCEMENTS AT THIS POINT AND ATTEMPTING A MILITARY SOLUTION WOULD BE DISASTROUS. (I HAD MADE SAME POINT ABOUT RYING TO FORCE THE PASSAGE THIS MORNING.) BOUTROS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THE MESSAGE.

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2. COMMENT: CERTAIN ELEMENTS WITHIN ARMY AND GOVERNMENT ARE PROBABLY URGING DESPATCH OF MORE TROOPS, PERHAPS AS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE IN EVENT COLUMN OF 650 TANGLES WITH HADDAD OR ISRAELIS, PERHAPS BECAUSE THEY WANT TO FORCE ISSUE. DOUBT THAT SUCH STEP WILL BE TAKEN, HOWEVER, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING.
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